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New Statistical Area Designations based on Census 2000

On June 6, 2003, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced an initial update to statistical area definitions based on new standards and the results of the 2000 Census. This was superseded on February 18, 2004, by a re-issuance of the initial bulletin that reflected, among other things, a re-application of the standards using population estimates for 2001 and 2002.

The Office of Management and Budget is responsible for maintaining and updating statistical area classifications, a task it has done every decade since the 1950 Census. OMB establishes and maintains the definitions of these areas solely for statistical purposes. This classification is intended to provide nationally consistent definitions for collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal statistics for a set of geographic areas.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has instituted a January 2005 starting point for publication using these new areas. The Metropolitan Statistical Areas of Mississippi shown below reflect the prior and revised configurations and will be reported accordingly in this month's and future publications.

Prior MSA configuration

Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula MSA

Hancock
Harrison
Jackson

Hattiesburg MSA

Forrest
Lamar

Jackson MSA

Hinds
Madison
Rankin

(New MSA)

Revised MSA configuration

Gulfport -Biloxi MSA

Hancock
Harrison
Stone

Hattiesburg MSA

Forrest
Lamar
Perry

Jackson MSA

Hinds
Madison
Rankin
Copiah
Simpson

Pascagoula MSA

George
Jackson

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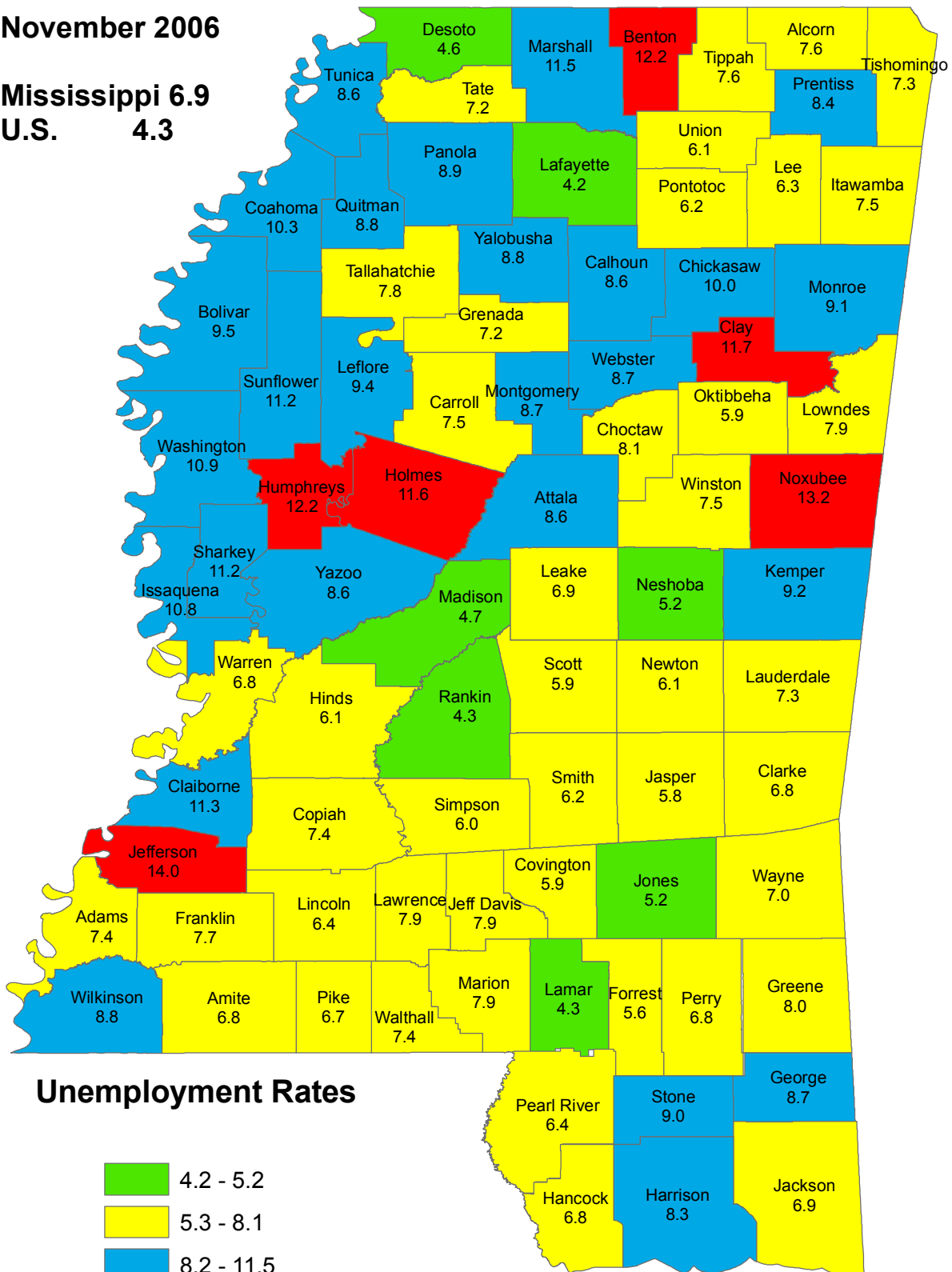
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Mississippi Unemployment Rates By County

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

November 2006

(County Rankings)

1	Lafayette	4.2	42	Tippah	7.6
2	Lamar	4.3	43	Franklin	7.7
3	Rankin	4.3	44	Tallahatchie	7.8
4	DeSoto	4.6	45	Jeff Davis	7.9
5	Madison	4.7	46	Lawrence	7.9
6	Jones	5.2	47	Lowndes	7.9
7	Neshoba	5.2	48	Marion	7.9
8	Forrest	5.6	49	Greene	8.0
9	Jasper	5.8	50	Choctaw	8.1
10	Covington	5.9	51	Harrison	8.3
11	Oktibbeha	5.9	52	Prentiss	8.4
12	Scott	5.9	53	Attala	8.6
13	Simpson	6.0	54	Calhoun	8.6
14	Hinds	6.1	55	Tunica	8.6
15	Newton	6.1	56	Yazoo	8.6
16	Union	6.1	57	George	8.7
17	Pontotoc	6.2	58	Montgomery	8.7
18	Smith	6.2	59	Webster	8.7
19	Lee	6.3	60	Quitman	8.8
20	Lincoln	6.4	61	Wilkinson	8.8
21	Pearl River	6.4	62	Yalobusha	8.8
22	Pike	6.7	63	Panola	8.9
23	Amite	6.8	64	Stone	9.0
24	Clarke	6.8	65	Monroe	9.1
25	Hancock	6.8	66	Kemper	9.2
26	Perry	6.8	67	Leflore	9.4
27	Warren	6.8	68	Bolivar	9.5
28	Jackson	6.9	69	Chickasaw	10.0
29	Leake	6.9	70	Coahoma	10.3
30	Wayne	7.0	71	Issaquena	10.8
31	Grenada	7.2	72	Washington	10.9
32	Tate	7.2	73	Sharkey	11.2
33	Lauderdale	7.3	74	Sunflower	11.2
34	Tishomingo	7.3	75	Claiborne	11.3
35	Adams	7.4	76	Marshall	11.5
36	Copiah	7.4	77	Holmes	11.6
37	Walthall	7.4	78	Clay	11.7
38	Carroll	7.5	79	Benton	12.2
39	Itawamba	7.5	80	Humphreys	12.2
40	Winston	7.5	81	Noxubee	13.2
41	Alcorn	7.6	82	Jefferson	14.0

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LABOR FORCE HIGHLIGHTS

Seasonal influences led to a slight weakening in the state's labor force condition in November. Mainly due to a slowdown in agricultural activities, the number of employed Mississippians declined by 4,700 over the month. The number of jobless climbed by a corresponding 5,200 people to push the unemployment rate up from 6.6 to 6.9 percent. Compared to one year ago when the state was suffering the aftermath of Katrina, conditions were vastly improved with 21,600 more people employed and 25,900 less in the jobless ranks. Nonfarm employment estimates, tallied by place of work, showed an increase of 3,800 jobs over October and 20,700 over November of last year. Retail Trade, Health Care, and Leisure & Hospitality industry sectors all posted healthy gains in employment over the month. Industries losing jobs included Construction, Amusements, and Accommodation. Conditions across the state varied widely, but most counties followed the statewide trend. Those in areas with a heavy concentration of agriculture generally posted larger increases in jobless than did other areas. Lafayette County recorded the lowest rate in November at 4.2 percent followed by Lamar County at 4.3 percent. Jefferson and Noxubee counties posted the highest rates at 14.0 and 13.2 percent respectively. Twenty-nine counties had rates lower than equal to the state rate of 6.9 percent. Fourteen counties posted double-digit rates. Seasonal increases in Retail Trade employment should lead to improved conditions in December.

LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DATA
State of Mississippi

	November 2006*	October 2006*	November 2005	2005 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Labor Force Data					
Civilian Labor Force	1,326,000	1,325,500	1,330,300	1,343,300	1,321,000
Unemployed	92,100	86,900	118,000	106,000	101,800
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.6	8.9	7.9	7.7
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	7.5	6.7	10.0	xxx	xxx
Employed	1,233,900	1,238,600	1,212,300	1,237,300	1,219,200

United States

	November 2006*	October 2006*	November 2005	2005 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Labor Force Data					
Civilian Labor Force	152,590,000	152,397,000	150,239,000	149,320,000	151,202,000
Unemployed	6,576,000	6,272,000	7,271,000	7,591,000	7,039,000
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.7
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	4.5	4.4	5.0	xxx	xxx
Employed	146,014,000	146,125,000	142,968,000	141,730,000	144,163,000

State of Mississippi

Unemployment Insurance Data @	November 2006*	October 2006*	November 2005
Initial UI Claims	13,451	11,140	17,562
Continued Claims	70,091	75,699	204,254
Benefits Paid	\$9,098,355	\$9,379,118	\$36,126,892
Weeks Paid	54,244	55,699	182,374
First Payments	4,553	3,864	8,234
Final Payments	1,171	1,314	1,903
Average Weekly Benefit	\$167.73	\$168.39	\$198.09

* Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early following the calendar year end

** Average for most recent twelve months, including current month

@ Unemployment Insurance amounts presented in this section only represent regular UI benefits, federal program amounts are not included.

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Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence - Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	November 2006				October 2006				November 2005			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Mississippi (not seasonally adjusted)	1,326,000	1,233,900	92,100	6.9	1,325,500	1,238,600	86,900	6.6	1,330,300	1,212,300	118,000	8.9
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	109,270	100,470	8,800	8.1	109,020	100,240	8,780	8.1	122,060	98,860	23,200	19.0
Hattiesburg MSA	65,060	61,630	3,430	5.3	64,650	61,370	3,280	5.1	64,610	60,600	4,010	6.2
Jackson MSA	268,520	253,940	14,580	5.4	268,160	254,190	13,970	5.2	267,120	250,470	16,650	6.2
Pascagoula MSA	69,780	64,790	4,990	7.1	69,640	64,810	4,830	6.9	72,460	62,280	10,180	14.0
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	152,590,000	146,014,000	6,576,000	4.3	152,397,000	146,125,000	6,272,000	4.1	150,239,000	142,968,000	7,271,000	4.8
United States (seasonally adjusted)	152,381,000	145,564,000	6,817,000	4.5	151,998,000	154,287,000	6,711,000	4.4	150,183,000	142,611,000	7,572,000	5.0
Counties												
Adams	13,330	12,340	990	7.4	13,430	12,490	940	7.0	13,760	12,110	1,650	12.0
Alcorn	16,460	15,210	1,250	7.6	16,550	15,360	1,190	7.2	16,110	15,000	1,110	6.9
Amite	5,410	5,040	370	6.8	5,430	5,090	340	6.3	5,380	4,830	550	10.3
Attala	7,240	6,620	620	8.6	7,170	6,600	570	7.9	7,380	6,720	660	9.0
Benton	3,080	2,700	380	12.2	3,060	2,720	340	11.1	3,010	2,710	300	9.8
Bolivar	15,830	14,330	1,500	9.5	15,860	14,600	1,260	7.9	15,460	13,920	1,540	10.0
Calhoun	6,280	5,740	540	8.6	6,380	5,850	530	8.2	6,290	5,820	470	7.5
Carroll	4,940	4,570	370	7.5	4,950	4,620	330	6.7	4,840	4,510	330	6.8
Chickasaw	7,770	6,990	780	10.0	7,830	7,030	800	10.2	7,760	6,970	790	10.2
Choctaw	3,880	3,570	310	8.1	3,890	3,610	280	7.2	3,710	3,410	300	8.2
Claiborne	3,820	3,390	430	11.3	3,830	3,420	410	10.6	3,760	3,300	460	12.3
Clarke	7,180	6,690	490	6.8	7,170	6,720	450	6.3	7,120	6,590	530	7.5
Clay	8,840	7,810	1,030	11.7	9,410	7,930	1,480	15.7	8,910	7,800	1,110	12.4
Coahoma	11,430	10,260	1,170	10.3	11,390	10,350	1,040	9.1	11,360	10,190	1,170	10.3
Copiah	12,890	11,930	960	7.4	13,120	11,950	1,170	8.9	12,820	11,770	1,050	8.2
Covington	8,930	8,400	530	5.9	8,910	8,410	500	5.6	8,880	8,270	610	6.9
DeSoto	71,050	67,780	3,270	4.6	70,630	67,800	2,830	4.0	70,800	67,520	3,280	4.6
Forrest	37,070	34,990	2,080	5.6	36,850	34,840	2,010	5.4	36,810	34,400	2,410	6.6
Franklin	3,130	2,890	240	7.7	3,150	2,930	220	6.9	3,120	2,810	310	9.9
George	8,560	7,810	750	8.7	8,580	7,810	770	9.0	8,170	7,500	670	8.2
Greene	4,700	4,320	380	8.0	4,730	4,360	370	7.9	4,730	4,320	410	8.7
Grenada	10,380	9,630	750	7.2	10,350	9,680	670	6.5	10,330	9,590	740	7.1
Hancock	18,630	17,370	1,260	6.8	18,680	17,330	1,350	7.2	21,160	17,090	4,070	19.2
Harrison	84,290	77,330	6,960	8.3	84,060	77,150	6,910	8.2	94,640	76,090	18,550	19.6
Hinds	126,650	118,940	7,710	6.1	126,260	119,060	7,200	5.7	126,440	117,310	9,130	7.2
Holmes	7,020	6,200	820	11.6	6,980	6,250	730	10.5	6,960	6,150	810	11.6
Humphreys	4,170	3,660	510	12.2	4,170	3,810	360	8.7	4,110	3,690	420	10.1
Issaquena	790	700	90	10.8	800	740	60	7.3	750	660	90	11.7
Itawamba	11,130	10,300	830	7.5	11,020	10,300	720	6.5	10,780	10,090	690	6.4
Jackson	61,230	56,990	4,240	6.9	61,060	57,000	4,060	6.7	64,280	54,770	9,510	14.8
Jasper	7,820	7,370	450	5.8	7,840	7,390	450	5.7	7,520	6,970	550	7.3
Jefferson	2,740	2,360	380	14.0	2,720	2,380	340	12.5	2,850	2,400	450	15.8
Jeff Davis	5,110	4,710	400	7.9	5,100	4,720	380	7.5	5,260	4,720	540	10.2
Jones	32,290	30,620	1,670	5.2	32,260	30,710	1,550	4.8	30,860	28,960	1,900	6.2
Kemper	4,290	3,900	390	9.2	4,250	3,920	330	7.8	4,210	3,840	370	8.7
Lafayette	23,150	22,180	970	4.2	23,310	22,370	940	4.0	21,800	20,790	1,010	4.6
Lamar	22,620	21,640	980	4.3	22,480	21,550	930	4.1	22,490	21,280	1,210	5.4
Lauderdale	33,970	31,490	2,480	7.3	33,960	31,650	2,310	6.8	33,570	31,030	2,540	7.6
Lawrence	5,190	4,780	410	7.9	5,230	4,830	400	7.6	5,160	4,730	430	8.4

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence - Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	November 2006				October 2006				November 2005			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Leake	8,400	7,820	580	6.9	8,430	7,890	540	6.4	8,460	7,840	620	7.3
Lee	40,030	37,500	2,530	6.3	40,080	37,520	2,560	6.4	39,280	36,750	2,530	6.4
Leflore	13,840	12,540	1,300	9.4	13,850	12,670	1,180	8.5	13,680	12,370	1,310	9.6
Lincoln	14,440	13,510	930	6.4	14,450	13,590	860	5.9	14,460	13,380	1,080	7.5
Lowndes	26,010	23,960	2,050	7.9	26,130	24,120	2,010	7.7	25,660	23,560	2,100	8.2
Madison	44,280	42,220	2,060	4.7	44,220	42,260	1,960	4.4	43,860	41,640	2,220	5.1
Marion	10,140	9,340	800	7.9	10,140	9,450	690	6.8	10,250	9,250	1,000	9.8
Marshall	16,380	14,500	1,880	11.5	16,100	14,500	1,600	9.9	15,640	14,450	1,190	7.6
Monroe	17,740	16,120	1,620	9.1	17,940	16,240	1,700	9.5	17,570	16,030	1,540	8.7
Montgomery	5,270	4,810	460	8.7	5,280	4,820	460	8.7	5,040	4,670	370	7.4
Neshoba	14,850	14,080	770	5.2	14,930	14,200	730	4.9	14,540	13,680	860	5.9
Newton	9,820	9,220	600	6.1	9,830	9,260	570	5.8	9,650	9,030	620	6.4
Noxubee	4,010	3,480	530	13.2	4,010	3,510	500	12.5	4,130	3,580	550	13.2
Oktibbeha	20,640	19,410	1,230	5.9	20,620	19,440	1,180	5.7	20,690	19,370	1,320	6.4
Panola	15,190	13,840	1,350	8.9	15,090	13,870	1,220	8.1	14,880	13,530	1,350	9.1
Pearl River	21,220	19,860	1,360	6.4	21,050	19,810	1,240	5.9	20,940	18,290	2,650	12.7
Perry	5,370	5,000	370	6.8	5,320	4,980	340	6.4	5,310	4,920	390	7.4
Pike	15,800	14,740	1,060	6.7	15,860	14,880	980	6.2	15,650	14,130	1,520	9.7
Pontotoc	13,980	13,110	870	6.2	14,010	13,120	890	6.3	13,740	12,850	890	6.5
Prentiss	11,070	10,130	940	8.4	11,090	10,210	880	7.9	11,160	10,370	790	7.1
Quitman	4,080	3,720	360	8.8	4,060	3,740	320	7.9	4,030	3,670	360	9.0
Rankin	72,340	69,240	3,100	4.3	72,240	69,310	2,930	4.1	71,710	68,290	3,420	4.8
Scott	14,210	13,380	830	5.9	14,280	13,490	790	5.5	13,560	12,720	840	6.2
Sharkey	2,630	2,340	290	11.2	2,660	2,450	210	8.0	2,480	2,200	280	11.4
Simpson	12,370	11,620	750	6.0	12,330	11,630	700	5.7	12,290	11,460	830	6.8
Smith	6,800	6,380	420	6.2	6,800	6,410	390	5.7	6,840	6,380	460	6.7
Stone	6,340	5,770	570	9.0	6,280	5,760	520	8.3	6,270	5,680	590	9.3
Sunflower	11,110	9,860	1,250	11.2	11,010	10,000	1,010	9.2	10,830	9,670	1,160	10.7
Tallahatchie	6,800	6,270	530	7.8	6,760	6,320	440	6.5	6,610	6,080	530	8.0
Tate	12,230	11,350	880	7.2	12,080	11,360	720	6.0	12,250	11,310	940	7.6
Tippah	10,080	9,310	770	7.6	10,140	9,400	740	7.3	9,640	9,010	630	6.5
Tishomingo	7,990	7,400	590	7.3	8,040	7,480	560	6.9	7,980	7,360	620	7.8
Tunica	4,480	4,090	390	8.6	4,350	4,100	250	5.8	4,510	4,080	430	9.5
Union	12,470	11,710	760	6.1	12,560	11,800	760	6.0	12,130	11,310	820	6.7
Walthall	5,700	5,280	420	7.4	5,730	5,350	380	6.6	5,890	5,270	620	10.5
Warren	22,820	21,280	1,540	6.8	22,860	21,440	1,420	6.2	23,150	21,340	1,810	7.8
Washington	22,440	20,000	2,440	10.9	22,540	20,350	2,190	9.7	22,910	20,320	2,590	11.3
Wayne	8,080	7,520	560	7.0	8,140	7,620	520	6.4	8,190	7,580	610	7.4
Webster	3,710	3,390	320	8.7	3,700	3,410	290	7.9	3,640	3,340	300	8.3
Wilkinson	3,780	3,450	330	8.8	3,730	3,450	280	7.5	3,980	3,360	620	15.6
Winston	8,170	7,560	610	7.5	8,240	7,650	590	7.2	8,040	7,420	620	7.7
Yalobusha	5,570	5,080	490	8.8	5,560	5,100	460	8.2	5,320	4,890	430	8.1
Yazoo	10,080	9,210	870	8.6	10,160	9,330	830	8.2	10,150	9,210	940	9.3

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence - Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	November 2006				October 2006				November 2005			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Areas												
Delta	124,750	112,380	12,370	9.9	124,470	113,870	10,600	8.5	123,410	111,040	12,370	10.0
Miss Partnership	384,610	357,350	27,260	7.1	385,180	358,930	26,250	6.8	378,790	352,690	26,100	6.9
Southcentral MS	374,770	352,220	22,550	6.0	374,750	353,390	21,360	5.7	374,430	347,340	27,090	7.2
Twin Districts	441,920	412,000	29,920	6.8	441,130	412,430	28,700	6.5	453,710	401,200	52,510	11.6
Planning and Development Districts												
Central Miss.	301,430	284,440	16,990	5.6	301,190	284,980	16,210	5.4	300,420	281,020	19,400	6.5
East Central	107,340	100,330	7,010	6.5	107,490	100,930	6,560	6.1	105,470	98,080	7,390	7.0
Golden Triangle	75,260	69,180	6,080	8.1	76,000	69,670	6,330	8.3	74,780	68,480	6,300	8.4
North Central	54,260	49,450	4,810	8.9	54,140	49,740	4,400	8.1	53,550	48,900	4,650	8.7
North Delta	125,260	117,310	7,950	6.3	124,360	117,540	6,820	5.5	124,440	116,380	8,060	6.5
Northeast	65,060	59,250	5,810	8.9	64,980	59,670	5,310	8.2	63,540	58,900	4,640	7.3
South Delta	56,970	50,890	6,080	10.7	57,040	51,950	5,090	8.9	56,540	50,460	6,080	10.8
Southern	334,580	311,670	22,910	6.8	333,640	311,500	22,140	6.6	348,240	303,120	45,120	13.0
Southwest	73,340	67,780	5,560	7.6	73,560	68,410	5,150	7.0	74,010	66,320	7,690	10.4
Three Rivers	132,550	123,650	8,900	6.7	133,130	124,230	8,900	6.7	129,350	120,610	8,740	6.8
Community College Districts												
Copiah-Lincoln	64,090	59,430	4,660	7.3	64,430	59,800	4,630	7.2	64,460	58,660	5,800	9.0
East Central	55,450	52,060	3,390	6.1	55,710	52,490	3,220	5.8	54,250	50,690	3,560	6.6
East Miss.	97,760	90,050	7,710	7.9	98,380	90,570	7,810	7.9	97,170	89,180	7,990	8.2
Gulf Coast	160,420	147,900	12,520	7.8	159,980	147,720	12,260	7.7	173,360	144,040	29,320	16.9
Hinds-Utica	225,630	212,850	12,780	5.7	225,190	213,230	11,960	5.3	225,060	210,240	14,820	6.6
Holmes	96,800	90,220	6,580	6.8	96,700	90,580	6,120	6.3	95,910	89,240	6,670	7.0
Itawamba	90,650	84,020	6,630	7.3	90,880	84,210	6,670	7.3	89,130	82,690	6,440	7.2
Jones	81,170	76,300	4,870	6.0	81,170	76,600	4,570	5.6	79,450	73,990	5,460	6.9
Miss. Delta	82,240	73,690	8,550	10.4	82,280	74,970	7,310	8.9	81,580	73,020	8,560	10.5
Northeast	58,070	53,760	4,310	7.4	58,380	54,250	4,130	7.1	57,020	53,050	3,970	7.0
Northwest	168,290	157,250	11,040	6.6	167,380	157,730	9,650	5.8	165,140	154,850	10,290	6.2
Pearl River	114,790	107,910	6,880	6.0	114,300	107,700	6,600	5.8	116,910	105,030	11,880	10.2
Southwest	30,690	28,510	2,180	7.1	30,750	28,770	1,980	6.4	30,900	27,590	3,310	10.7
Cities												
Biloxi	20,600	18,720	1,880	9.1	20,600	18,680	1,920	9.3	23,600	18,420	5,180	22.0
Clinton	13,020	12,370	650	5.0	12,980	12,380	600	4.6	13,010	12,200	810	6.2
Columbus	10,710	9,500	1,210	11.3	10,790	9,560	1,230	11.4	10,510	9,340	1,170	11.1
Greenville	14,510	12,950	1,560	10.8	14,730	13,180	1,550	10.5	14,860	13,160	1,700	11.4
Gulfport	31,080	28,280	2,800	9.0	31,070	28,210	2,860	9.2	34,600	27,820	6,780	19.6
Hattiesburg	23,430	21,900	1,530	6.5	23,290	21,810	1,480	6.4	23,280	21,540	1,740	7.5
Hattiesburg 1/	21,830	20,430	1,400	6.4	21,710	20,350	1,360	6.3	21,650	20,090	1,560	7.2
Hattiesburg 2/	1,600	1,470	130	7.9	1,580	1,460	120	7.7	1,630	1,450	180	11.3
Jackson	87,810	82,070	5,740	6.5	87,560	82,150	5,410	6.2	91,020	83,460	7,560	8.3
Meridian	16,090	14,580	1,510	9.4	16,060	14,660	1,400	8.7	15,810	14,370	1,440	9.1
Moss Point	6,580	6,070	510	7.7	6,530	6,070	460	7.0	7,120	5,840	1,280	18.0
Olive Branch	14,610	14,030	580	3.9	14,620	14,040	580	4.0	13,990	13,400	590	4.2
Pascagoula	10,600	9,820	780	7.4	10,600	9,830	770	7.3	10,700	9,440	1,260	11.8
Pearl	13,910	13,300	610	4.4	13,960	13,320	640	4.6	13,940	13,120	820	5.9
Southaven	20,290	19,500	790	3.9	20,220	19,500	720	3.5	20,340	19,430	910	4.5
Tupelo	18,200	17,050	1,150	6.3	18,190	17,060	1,130	6.2	17,830	16,720	1,110	6.2
Vicksburg	11,400	10,330	1,070	9.4	11,390	10,410	980	8.6	11,480	10,360	1,120	9.8

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Area					Area				
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,321,000	1,219,200	101,800	7.7	Kemper	4,290	3,900	390	9.1
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	108,890	95,160	13,730	12.6	Lafayette	22,780	21,720	1,060	4.7
Hattiesburg MSA	64,730	61,110	3,620	5.6	Lamar	22,510	21,460	1,050	4.7
Jackson MSA	267,530	252,160	15,370	5.7	Lauderdale	33,930	31,470	2,460	7.3
Pascagoula MSA	69,781	62,918	6,863	9.8	Lawrence	5,220	4,770	450	8.6
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	151,202,000	144,163,000	7,039,000	4.7	Leake	8,490	7,860	630	7.4
Counties					Lee	39,920	37,380	2,540	6.4
Adams	13,410	12,340	1,070	8.0	Leflore	13,800	12,380	1,420	10.3
Alcorn	16,500	15,200	1,300	7.9	Lincoln	14,530	13,520	1,010	7.0
Amite	5,380	4,990	390	7.2	Lowndes	26,130	24,020	2,110	8.1
Attala	7,360	6,680	680	9.2	Madison	44,110	41,920	2,190	5.0
Benton	3,000	2,690	310	10.3	Marion	10,160	9,360	800	7.9
Bolivar	15,680	14,100	1,580	10.1	Marshall	15,770	14,360	1,410	8.9
Calhoun	6,280	5,720	560	8.9	Monroe	17,870	16,170	1,700	9.5
Carroll	4,890	4,510	380	7.8	Montgomery	5,180	4,710	470	9.1
Chickasaw	7,800	7,010	790	10.1	Neshoba	15,010	14,170	840	5.6
Choctaw	3,840	3,530	310	8.1	Newton	9,800	9,180	620	6.3
Claiborne	3,820	3,380	440	11.5	Noxubee	4,120	3,550	570	13.8
Clarke	7,210	6,680	530	7.4	Oktibbeha	20,290	18,990	1,300	6.4
Clay	8,960	7,880	1,080	12.1	Panola	14,980	13,630	1,350	9.0
Coahoma	11,410	10,170	1,240	10.9	Pearl River	20,670	19,140	1,530	7.4
Copiah	12,840	11,850	990	7.7	Perry	5,360	4,960	400	7.5
Covington	8,960	8,390	570	6.4	Pike	15,750	14,580	1,170	7.4
DeSoto	70,260	67,120	3,140	4.5	Pontotoc	13,970	13,070	900	6.4
Forrest	36,860	34,690	2,170	5.9	Prentiss	11,130	10,230	900	8.1
Franklin	3,150	2,890	260	8.3	Quitman	3,990	3,580	410	10.3
George	8,410	7,580	830	9.9	Rankin	71,970	68,750	3,220	4.5
Greene	4,730	4,300	430	9.1	Scott	14,000	13,160	840	6.0
Grenada	10,420	9,670	750	7.2	Sharkey	2,530	2,230	300	11.9
Hancock	18,690	16,450	2,240	12.0	Simpson	12,320	11,540	780	6.3
Harrison	84,090	73,240	10,850	12.9	Smith	6,820	6,370	450	6.6
Hinds	126,290	118,100	8,190	6.5	Stone	6,110	5,470	640	10.5
Holmes	7,010	6,120	890	12.7	Sunflower	11,010	9,710	1,300	11.8
Humphreys	4,140	3,660	480	11.6	Tallahatchie	6,680	6,080	600	9.0
Issaquena	760	670	90	11.8	Tate	12,130	11,240	890	7.3
Itawamba	11,030	10,260	770	7.0	Tippah	9,960	9,220	740	7.4
Jackson	61,370	55,340	6,030	9.8	Tishomingo	8,070	7,380	690	8.6
Jasper	7,730	7,220	510	6.6	Tunica	4,500	4,060	440	9.8
Jefferson	2,760	2,350	410	14.9	Union	12,410	11,620	790	6.4
Jeff Davis	5,200	4,740	460	8.8	Walthall	5,770	5,330	440	7.6
Jones	31,700	30,000	1,700	5.4	Warren	22,930	21,340	1,590	6.9
					Washington	22,790	20,130	2,660	11.7
					Wayne	8,270	7,650	620	7.5
					Webster	3,690	3,350	340	9.2
					Wilkinson	3,740	3,400	340	9.1
					Winston	8,190	7,540	650	7.9
					Yalobusha	5,490	5,020	470	8.6
					Yazoo	10,170	9,150	1,020	10.0

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Area				
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	124,170	111,030	13,140	10.6
Miss Partnership	382,550	355,330	27,220	7.1
Southcentral MS	374,160	350,200	23,960	6.4
Twin Districts	440,370	402,780	37,590	8.5
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Miss.	300,630	282,650	17,980	6.0
East Central	107,280	100,010	7,270	6.8
Golden Triangle	75,220	68,860	6,360	8.5
North Central	54,150	49,090	5,060	9.3
North Delta	123,950	115,880	8,070	6.5
Northeast	64,430	59,080	5,350	8.3
South Delta	56,910	50,500	6,410	11.3
Southern	333,090	302,770	30,320	9.1
Southwest	73,530	67,550	5,980	8.1
Three Rivers	132,060	122,950	9,110	6.9
Community College Districts				
Copiah-Lincoln	64,230	59,260	4,970	7.7
East Central	55,490	51,910	3,580	6.5
East Miss.	97,720	89,810	7,910	8.1
Gulf Coast	159,980	141,630	18,350	11.5
Hinds-Utica	225,010	211,570	13,440	6.0
Holmes	96,670	89,640	7,030	7.3
Itawamba	90,590	83,890	6,700	7.4
Jones	80,780	75,570	5,210	6.4
Miss. Delta	82,120	73,050	9,070	11.0
Northeast	58,070	53,650	4,420	7.6
Northwest	165,860	155,220	10,640	6.4
Pearl River	114,090	105,840	8,250	7.2
Southwest	30,640	28,300	2,340	7.6
Cities				
Biloxi	20,900	17,730	3,170	15.2
Clinton	12,980	12,290	690	5.3
Columbus	10,790	9,520	1,270	11.8
Greenville	14,770	13,030	1,740	11.8
Gulfport	31,180	26,780	4,400	14.1
Hattiesburg	23,330	21,720	1,610	6.9
Hattiesburg 1/	21,720	20,260	1,460	6.7
Hattiesburg 2/	1,600	1,460	140	8.8
Jackson	87,830	81,700	6,130	7.0
Meridian	16,050	14,570	1,480	9.2
Moss Point	6,540	5,900	640	9.8
Olive Branch	14,450	13,850	600	4.2
Pascagoula	10,570	9,540	1,030	9.7
Pearl	13,850	13,210	640	4.6
Southaven	20,140	19,310	830	4.1
Tupelo	18,180	17,000	1,180	6.5
Vicksburg	11,460	10,360	1,100	9.6

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Area	Current month November 2006	ONE Year Ago November 2005	TWO Years Ago November 2004	THREE Years Ago November 2003	FOUR Years Ago November 2002	FIVE Years Ago November 2001
Mississippi	6.9	8.9	6.6	5.2	6.2	6.2
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	8.1	19.0	5.5	4.2	5.1	5.0
Hattiesburg MSA	5.3	6.2	5.3	4.2	4.9	4.6
Jackson MSA	5.4	6.2	5.5	4.0	5.0	4.8
Pascagoula MSA	7.1	14.0	6.5	5.5	6.4	6.7
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.3
United States (seasonally adjusted)	4.5	5.0	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.5
Counties						
Adams	7.4	12.0	7.7	8.1	7.4	7.3
Alcorn	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.1	7.1	6.3
Amite	6.8	10.3	6.5	6.5	6.0	5.6
Attala	8.6	9.0	8.4	6.1	6.4	7.2
Benton	12.2	9.8	10.5	8.4	11.4	7.5
Bolivar	9.5	10.0	8.8	6.1	8.3	7.6
Calhoun	8.6	7.5	6.8	6.5	8.2	8.6
Carroll	7.5	6.8	6.5	4.5	6.0	7.0
Chickasaw	10.0	10.2	8.8	7.1	10.4	10.6
Choctaw	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.5	13.1	9.2
Claiborne	11.3	12.3	10.9	9.4	9.2	8.5
Clarke	6.8	7.5	7.6	7.2	11.5	15.8
Clay	11.7	12.4	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.4
Coahoma	10.3	10.3	9.0	6.7	7.3	6.9
Copiah	7.4	8.2	7.6	5.5	6.5	6.5
Covington	5.9	6.9	5.9	4.5	5.2	5.4
DeSoto	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.7
Forrest	5.6	6.6	5.6	4.6	5.1	4.7
Franklin	7.7	9.9	8.3	6.8	8.3	7.4
George	8.7	8.2	8.4	7.4	7.7	8.4
Greene	8.0	8.7	8.6	8.0	7.7	7.4
Grenada	7.2	7.1	7.1	5.0	6.0	7.3
Hancock	6.8	19.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	4.5
Harrison	8.3	19.6	5.6	4.1	5.1	5.1
Hinds	6.1	7.2	6.4	4.5	5.5	5.1
Holmes	11.6	11.6	10.2	8.1	9.6	11.4
Humphreys	12.2	10.1	9.0	6.1	8.8	10.6
Issaquena	10.8	11.7	10.6	10.0	9.2	12.1
Itawamba	7.5	6.4	6.4	5.0	6.4	6.0
Jackson	6.9	14.8	6.3	5.3	6.2	6.4
Jasper	5.8	7.3	7.7	6.4	7.6	7.6
Jefferson	14.0	15.8	13.1	11.5	11.1	12.5
Jeff Davis	7.9	10.2	8.1	6.4	7.4	7.4
Jones	5.2	6.2	5.7	4.3	5.2	5.1

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Area	Current month November 2006	ONE Year Ago November 2005	TWO Years Ago November 2004	THREE Years Ago November 2003	FOUR Years Ago November 2002	FIVE Years Ago November 2001
Kemper	9.2	8.7	9.8	7.6	9.7	8.2
Lafayette	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.1
Lamar	4.3	5.4	4.2	3.2	4.1	3.9
Lauderdale	7.3	7.6	7.2	5.8	6.9	6.2
Lawrence	7.9	8.4	7.3	5.3	6.5	7.1
Leake	6.9	7.3	7.0	4.6	5.9	6.2
Lee	6.3	6.4	5.8	4.9	6.3	6.0
Leflore	9.4	9.6	9.1	8.1	8.3	9.3
Lincoln	6.4	7.5	6.4	4.9	6.6	6.2
Lowndes	7.9	8.2	7.8	6.4	7.4	8.4
Madison	4.7	5.1	4.8	3.4	4.4	4.3
Marion	7.9	9.8	7.3	4.8	5.8	6.0
Marshall	11.5	7.6	9.6	8.0	8.8	7.7
Monroe	9.1	8.7	7.5	6.8	8.8	9.3
Montgomery	8.7	7.4	7.8	7.0	9.8	11.5
Neshoba	5.2	5.9	6.4	4.2	5.4	6.4
Newton	6.1	6.4	6.0	4.5	5.8	6.3
Noxubee	13.2	13.2	12.7	7.8	9.8	10.7
Oktibbeha	5.9	6.4	5.7	4.9	5.1	5.2
Panola	8.9	9.1	9.4	8.4	8.1	8.1
Pearl River	6.4	12.7	5.6	4.5	5.0	4.8
Perry	6.8	7.4	7.4	5.6	6.5	6.3
Pike	6.7	9.7	7.7	5.5	6.5	7.5
Pontotoc	6.2	6.5	5.4	4.7	5.4	6.2
Prentiss	8.4	7.1	7.6	4.7	5.7	5.7
Quitman	8.8	9.0	9.4	7.4	6.9	8.7
Rankin	4.3	4.8	4.2	3.1	3.9	3.8
Scott	5.9	6.2	5.6	4.3	5.5	5.5
Sharkey	11.2	11.4	9.9	7.0	8.7	7.4
Simpson	6.0	6.8	5.6	4.7	5.3	6.6
Smith	6.2	6.7	5.8	4.0	5.1	5.0
Stone	9.0	9.3	5.7	4.1	5.2	5.1
Sunflower	11.2	10.7	9.9	7.3	8.9	11.6
Tallahatchie	7.8	8.0	8.9	8.0	6.7	8.0
Tate	7.2	7.6	6.4	5.8	5.1	5.3
Tippah	7.6	6.5	7.3	5.9	7.9	6.5
Tishomingo	7.3	7.8	8.2	7.0	10.0	7.0
Tunica	8.6	9.5	7.5	12.3	6.0	5.2
Union	6.1	6.7	6.6	5.4	6.5	5.7
Walthall	7.4	10.5	7.3	5.2	7.3	6.6
Warren	6.8	7.8	6.7	5.0	6.1	5.1
Washington	10.9	11.3	10.4	7.2	9.1	10.2
Wayne	7.0	7.4	7.4	6.3	8.6	7.0
Webster	8.7	8.3	8.0	8.3	14.5	13.0
Wilkinson	8.8	15.6	8.4	7.4	7.8	7.7
Winston	7.5	7.7	8.0	6.6	10.3	9.6
Yalobusha	8.8	8.1	8.1	8.1	6.6	7.2
Yazoo	8.6	9.3	9.7	6.1	6.5	6.6

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Area	Current month November 2006	ONE Year Ago November 2005	TWO Years Ago November 2004	THREE Years Ago November 2003	FOUR Years Ago November 2002	FIVE Years Ago November 2001
Workforce Investment Areas						
Delta	9.9	10.0	9.3	7.4	8.2	8.9
Miss Partnership	7.1	6.9	6.5	5.5	6.6	6.5
Southcentral MS	6.0	7.2	6.2	4.6	5.5	5.4
Twin Districts	6.8	11.6	6.1	4.8	5.8	5.8
Planning and Development Districts						
Central Miss.	5.6	6.5	5.8	4.2	5.1	4.9
East Central	6.5	7.0	6.8	5.3	6.7	7.0
Golden Triangle	8.1	8.4	7.8	6.6	8.1	8.2
North Central	8.9	8.7	8.3	6.8	7.5	8.7
North Delta	6.3	6.5	5.9	5.4	4.9	5.2
Northeast	8.9	7.3	8.1	6.5	7.9	6.7
South Delta	10.7	10.8	9.8	6.9	8.8	9.7
Southern	6.8	13.0	5.9	4.7	5.5	5.4
Southwest	7.6	10.4	7.7	6.5	7.2	7.2
Three Rivers	6.7	6.8	6.2	5.3	6.7	6.6
Community College Districts						
Copiah-Lincoln	7.3	9.0	7.2	6.1	6.8	7.0
East Central	6.1	6.6	6.5	4.7	6.3	6.6
East Miss.	7.9	8.2	7.6	6.3	7.1	7.2
Gulf Coast	7.8	16.9	6.0	4.7	5.7	5.8
Hinds-Utica	5.7	6.6	5.8	4.2	5.2	4.8
Holmes	6.8	7.0	6.7	5.1	6.5	6.8
Itawamba	7.3	7.2	6.4	5.5	7.0	7.1
Jones	6.0	6.9	6.6	5.3	6.6	6.9
Miss. Delta	10.4	10.5	9.6	7.1	8.5	9.3
Northeast	7.4	7.0	7.2	5.7	7.2	6.2
Northwest	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.5
Pearl River	6.0	10.2	5.5	4.4	5.1	4.8
Southwest	7.1	10.7	7.5	5.9	6.7	7.0
Cities						
Biloxi	9.1	22.0	6.5	4.6	5.7	5.9
Clinton	5.0	6.2	2.9	1.7	2.3	2.2
Columbus	11.3	11.1	10.9	9.4	10.8	12.3
Greenville	10.8	11.4	10.2	7.2	8.9	9.8
Gulfport	9.0	19.6	5.8	4.5	5.4	5.3
Hattiesburg	6.5	7.5	6.4	5.1	5.7	5.4
Hattiesburg 1/ Hattiesburg 2/	6.4 7.9	7.2 11.3	6.3 7.2	5.0 5.4	5.7 6.2	5.4 6.3
Jackson	6.5	8.3	7.3	5.2	6.4	5.9
Meridian	9.4	9.1	8.5	7.0	8.2	7.2
Moss Point	7.7	18.0	9.3	6.9	9.5	10.6
Olive Branch	3.9	4.2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pascagoula	7.4	11.8	7.7	6.3	7.3	7.8
Pearl	4.4	5.9	6.2	4.7	5.8	5.6
Southaven	3.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.9
Tupelo	6.3	6.2	5.8	4.7	5.8	5.6
Vicksburg	9.4	9.8	8.0	6.0	7.5	6.4

Hattiesburg 1/ - Forrest County part
Hattiesburg 2/ - Lamar County part

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Central Mississippi – Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties

East Central Mississippi – Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties

Golden Triangle – Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston Counties

North Central Mississippi – Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, and Yalobusha Counties

North Delta – Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate and Tunica Counties

Northeast Mississippi – Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, and Tishomingo Counties

South Delta – Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

Southern Mississippi – Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, and Wayne Counties

Southwest Mississippi – Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties

Three Rivers – Calhoun, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, and Union Counties

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

Delta – Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

Mississippi Partnership – Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha Counties

Southcentral Mississippi Works – Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Walthall, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties

Twin Districts – Clarke, Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone and Wayne Counties

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Copiah-Lincoln – Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Simpson Counties

East Central – Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston Counties

East Mississippi and Meridian – Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties

Gulf Coast – George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

Hinds-Utica – Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, and Warren Counties

Holmes - Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Madison, Montgomery, Webster, and Yazoo Counties

Itawamba – Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, and Pontotoc Counties

Jones – Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith and Wayne Counties

Mississippi Delta-Coahoma – Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

Northeast – Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties

Northwest – Benton, Calhoun, DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, and Yalobusha Counties

Pearl River – Forrest, Hancock, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion, and Pearl River Counties

Southwest – Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS – (revised 1/05)

Gulfport Biloxi MSA – Hancock, Harrison and Stone Counties

Hattiesburg MSA – Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

Jackson MSA – Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties

Pascagoula MSA – George and Jackson Counties

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CALCULATION

General summary of how the unemployment rate is calculated

- Monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment and the unemployment rate are generated by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and State Employment Security Agencies
- Statistics on the employment status of the population and related data are compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey of households conducted by the US Census Bureau. It is a scientifically selected survey designed to represent the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States
- Households selected are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and older. The inquiry relates to employment activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, that includes the 12th day of the month. This week is known as the reference week
- The survey is designed so that each person who is over the age of 16 and who is not in an institution such as prison or mental hospital or on active duty with the Armed Forces is only counted and classified in one group; employed, unemployed or not in the labor force
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an individual employed if they did any work at all for pay or profit during the survey week, this includes all part-time and temporary work as well as full time year round employment. Unemployed individuals are those who do not have a job, have actively looked for work during the past four weeks and are currently available for work. The sum of employed and unemployed produces the Civilian Labor Force.
- Each month about 60,000 households are eligible to be interviewed nationally
- Households in the survey are rotated out of the survey in a manner to ensure that 75% of the households are consistent from one month to the next and 50% of the households are consistent from the same month of the prior year
- The results of the CPS survey are “**residence**” based; meaning the physical location of a person’s residence rather than the location of the establishment where they are employed
- Other statistics generated by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security’s Labor Market Information Department are “**establishment**” based, meaning the location of the establishment where they are employed
- Each month the MDES LMI Department processes information from the CPS, County continued claims (Unemployment Insurance claims that are paid), and a monthly survey of employment. These factors are used to estimate the employment, unemployment, labor force and resulting unemployment rate. A Statistical Model using historical trends and current amounts produces estimated amounts, which are reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Labor Statistics before publication. These methods are consistent for all states
- Labor force statistics have been historically presented as preliminary for the current month and revised for prior time periods, however beginning January 2006 the Bureau of Labor Statistics has altered this methodology and revisions will only be introduced after the end of the calendar year is complete

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Civilian Labor Force – That proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

Civilian Noninstitutional Population – Included are persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Continued Claim – A request for benefit payment or a notice filed to obtain credit for a waiting period week.

Employed – All persons who during the reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Persons are counted only once even if they hold multiple jobs.

First Payment – A payment issued to a claimant for his compensable week of unemployment in a benefit year

Final Payment – The last benefit payment a claimant receives in a benefit year because no further benefits are available until the beginning of a new benefit year

Initial Claim – A request for determination of insured status or a notice filed when a break in job attachment has occurred.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)- The general concept of an MSA is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. These are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a standard for Federal agencies in the preparation and publication of statistics relating to metropolitan areas

Not seasonally adjusted - This term is used to describe data series not subject to the seasonal adjustment process. In other words, the effects of regular, or seasonal, patterns have not been removed from these series.

Reference Week – the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th day of the month.

Seasonally Adjusted – Monthly data that is adjusted (at the National level) to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as holidays, vacations, harvests, and the opening and closing of schools. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month. Amounts are seasonally adjusted at the National and State levels only.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Unemployed – All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed. Persons that are classified as unemployed have not necessarily filed or would be eligible for unemployment benefits.

Unemployment Rate – The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

